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1. Effective 15 March 1953, the East German State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths under State Secretary Dirk Van Rickelen was entirely reorganized. The State Secretariat was renamed State Secretariat for Chemistry, and Dr. Winkler (fnu) was made its head. The old State Secretariat had three main administrations (HV's):

- (a) HV Chemie (Chemistry)
- (b) HV Kali- und Nichterzbergbau (Potash and Non-Ore Mining)
- (c) HV Steine und Erden (Stones and Earths)

Only the first two remained with the new State Secretariat, whereas the Main Administration for Stones and Earths was transferred to the Ministry for Construction. Dr. Winkler rendered the oath of allegiance to Minister-president Grotewohl in early April 1953.

2. On the occasion of the reorganization of the State Secretariat, HV Chemie was split into four HV's:

- (a) HV Schwerchemie (Heavy Chemistry)
- (b) HV Fluessige Brennstoffe (Liquid Fuels)
- (c) HV Kunststoffe (Synthetic Matters)
- (d) HV Organische Chemie (Organic Chemistry)

The former head of HV Chemie, Prof. Bertsch was given a coordinating function between the four new HV's.

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